

New York State Right to Life
in partnership with the
Good News Foundation of Central New York
and the
New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians
presents our fourth annual pro-life teen leadership weekend

CAMP ESTHER



August 17-19, 2012

Good News Center

Utica, NY



Registration Information Packet



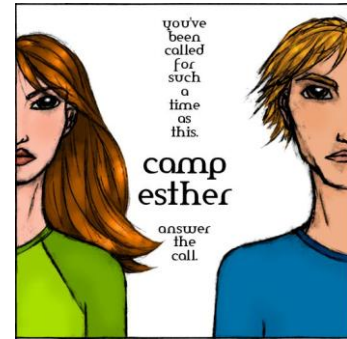
For such a time as this... will you answer the call?

New York State Right to Life Education Trust

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Why should I attend Camp Esther?

Come to Camp Esther to get all of the foundational information, leadership skills, and inspiration you need to become an effective voice for Life in your community. Learn how you—one person—can help end the atrocities of abortion, euthanasia, and lethal human embryonic stem cell research in our nation. Sessions blend education, motivation, and advocacy into a camp that is intense, powerful and a ton of fun.



Who can attend Camp Esther?

Camp Esther is open to any pro-life teenager who wants to know more about getting involved and saving lives. If you want to learn how to be an effective pro-life leader and meet other pro-life teens from across New York State, Camp Esther is for you.

Space for Camp Esther is limited and each year we have been at capacity. Register as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

What if I have attended Camp Esther before?

If you have already attended Camp Esther one or more times, we welcome you to join us again this summer. This year, we will have an advanced track option that will include special sessions during the weekend that will build on what you have learned in previous years. These sessions will incorporate more in-depth lessons on Life issues as well as more opportunities to practice effectively sharing and defending the pro-life message with individual feedback.

What are the arrival and send-off times for Camp Esther? Do I need to be there the whole time?

Campers should arrive at the Good News Center, located at 10475 Cosby Manor Road, Utica, NY 13502, between 11:30am and 12:30pm on Friday, August 17. After being assigned a room, there will be a hot dog lunch for campers before sessions begin promptly at 1:00pm. Send-off will be at 2:30pm on Sunday, August 19.

Campers are expected to stay for the entire duration of camp and to attend all sessions throughout the weekend. Space is very limited, and we do not want to turn someone away from camp only to have a registered camper miss a portion of the weekend.

What is the cost to attend Camp Esther? What does it include?

The cost for the weekend is \$100 per camper (\$150 for registration after June 30). This covers speakers and training throughout the weekend, a stay at the beautiful Good News Center, meals, all materials, and a t-shirt. Please contact us if finances are an issue. There

are two types scholarships available: those granted for financial need and those for proven commitment to the cause. The sooner you let us know, the better.

How “camp-y” are we talking?

Not very. Camp Esther is held at the beautiful Good News Center with semi-private rooms and bathrooms and plenty of electricity to go around. Bedding and towels are provided. By “camp” we really mean “fun, camp-like activities in a fairly cushy setting.”

What if I don’t know anyone?

Don’t worry—you will soon! You do not need to come with anyone. You’ll meet amazing pro-life teens from across the state and leave with new, life-long friends.

Why Esther?

Because her story is an awesome example of how God used one person willing to take a stand to save an entire generation.

Will church services be available?

Yes. Sunday morning, there will be a Catholic Mass and a Protestant service on-site, as well as a joint worship session. If you are not Christian, that’s fine! Everyone is welcome.

Note to parents

We already love your kids. We will do our very best to take good care of your children at Camp Esther. There will be one adult chaperone for every three students attending. There will be both male and female adult chaperones. Your trust means almost as much to us as your kids mean to us. You are welcome to stop by camp or call Natalie (Camp Esther coordinator) on her cell phone anytime: 716-796-5946.

If a parent or youth leader would like to attend Camp Esther, please let us know as soon as possible as space is limited. The estimated cost is \$200 per adult (our donors cover a good portion of the campers’ expenses).

Camp Esther Sessions: basic track

Come ready to learn!

1. **Abortion 101** – A fascinating look at the miracle of life before birth and the horrors of abortion.
2. **Euthanasia 101** – An introduction to the threats facing the medically vulnerable today and to the valuable lesson that life is precious at every stage and age.
3. **A Woman in Crisis. A Child in Crisis.** – A trained pro-life counselor will present this session, addressing how we can help women facing crisis pregnancies with compassion while saving lives.
4. **Understanding the Psychology Before and After this Devastating Choice** – A presenter who works with those suffering after abortion will discuss the profound effects past abortions have on mothers, and how they can find healing.
5. **Stem Cell Basics** – If the scientific terms make it seem like this is way over your head, you'll be amazed at how simple the facts really are. Learn what the media isn't reporting about embryo-destructive stem cell research and the healing power of ethical adult stem cell therapies.
6. **The Laws We Fight For and Against** – What are the current right-to-life issues in our state legislature and before Congress in Washington, DC? This session will give you an overview of how we're currently fighting to save the lives of the unborn and vulnerable here in NYS and around the nation.
7. **The Politics of it All** – Understand how our government (really) works as it pertains to life issues, why politics matter in the fight for Life—and how you can help.
8. **True Colors** – Ever wonder what makes you tick, or why some people really tick you off? This will clear that up for you in a big hurry. Learn how to use people's strengths to make a huge difference for the cause of Life!
9. **Answering the Hard Questions on Abortion and Euthanasia** – You know you're pro-life, and you probably have a pretty good idea of why that is, but you just don't know how to answer people who disagree with you! This session will give you the easiest answers to some of the issues' toughest questions. Learn to answer the hard questions in your sleep!
10. **Organ Transplants and Brain Death** – If you think there is a problem here—you are right. It is profoundly pro-life to want to pass on life. Unfortunately, being truly dead isn't a serious legal criterion for some organ donations.
11. **Unmasking Planned Parenthood** – Know your facts about America's largest abortion supplier and promoter: from their eugenic roots, devastating effects on minority communities to their radical, abortion-promoting policies.

You'll hear from many amazing, funny, and motivational speakers throughout the weekend presenting on these topics and more! And... you have even more to look forward to at Camp Esther:

- ☺ Games, movies, & popcorn
- ☺ Activities outside on the beautiful grounds at the Good News Center
- ☺ Meeting some of the most awesome pro-life teens from across the state!

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Registration

Space is very limited: register now to reserve your spot!

Please complete and return the following four forms to NYSRTL, along with the registration fee. Please mail to NYSRTL, attn.: Natalie Fohl, at 41 State Street, M-100; Albany, NY 12207. Call 518-434-1293 or email natalief@nysrighttolife.org with any questions.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (____)_____ Email_____

School_____ Grade/year_____

Age_____ Gender_____

Track option (choose one)

_____ **Basic track:** this will be my first time attending Camp Esther.

_____ **Advanced track:** I have already attended Camp Esther one or more times.

T-shirt size (choose one*) S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____ XXL_____

**We will do our best to get your camp t-shirt in your size, but please note that we can guarantee this only if we receive your registration early enough to order what you request.*

Registration Fee

Please include a check for registration (\$100, or \$150 after June 30) made payable to New York State Right to Life Education Trust. Mail to NYSRTL at 41 State Street, M-100; Albany, NY 12207; attn: Natalie Fohl. You may also call NYSRTL at 518-434-1293 with credit card information to reserve your spot.

Please note that camp payments are non-refundable after registration. Space is very limited and we do not want to turn someone away only to have a registered camper not attend. Also, we will be preparing and purchasing materials and food for the weekend and don't want to waste either—your registration fee will be accepted as a donation to offset our losses in the event that you do not attend.

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Release Form

For parents of campers younger than 18 years of age:

While I understand that New York State Right to Life will take reasonable steps to provide for the individual care and safety of my child, I am aware that NYSRTL and its employees or agents cannot assume any responsibility for any injury, damage, or harm which might result during the course of participation in any activity connected to Camp Esther.

In consideration of permitting my child to participate, I agree that such responsibility will remain with me, as the parent or guardian of my child. Should any claim be asserted by any person, as a result of the acts of my child while participation in the activity described above, or traveling to, from, or during camp, or should my child or children assert any claim against NYSRTL or its employees or agents, I agree to indemnify and hold NYSRTL and its employees or agents harmless from any such claim, including attorney fees and costs incurred in defense thereof.

I further authorize medical treatment of my child or children, in the event of illness or injury sustained in my absence while my child or children participate in NYSRTL Camp Esther.

Parent's Signature _____

Parent's Name Printed _____

Date _____

Child's Name _____

For campers 18 years of age and older:

While I understand that New York State Right to Life will take reasonable steps to provide for my individual safety, I am aware that NYSRTL and its employees or agents cannot assume any responsibility for any injury, damage, or harm which might result during the course of participation in any activity connected to Camp Esther.

In consideration of my participation, I agree that such responsibility will remain with me. Should any claim be asserted by any person, as a result of my acts while participating in the activity described above, or traveling to, from, or during camp, or should I assert any claim against NYSRTL or its employees or agents, I agree to indemnify and hold NYSRTL and its employees or agents harmless from any such claim, including attorney fees and costs incurred in defense thereof.

Signature _____

Name Printed _____

Date _____

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Medical Form

Camper Name _____

Medication Information _____

Unless otherwise notified, we will assume the camper is responsible for his or her own medications.

Allergies _____

If the camper has any known severe allergies, he or she should have an epi-pen or other lifesaving medication and know how to administer it.

Special Dietary Concerns _____

Parents' Emergency Contact Numbers (cell) _____

Emergency Contact - Other Than Parents

Name of Contact _____

Phone Number _____

Relation to Camper _____

Other Important Information

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Photo and Video Release Form

I grant to New York Right to Life Camp Esther, its representatives and staff the right to take photographs and video of me in connection with Camp Esther. I authorize them to copyright, use and publish these items in print and/or electronically.

I agree that they may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and internet content.

I have read and understand the above:

Camper's Signature_____

Camper's Name Printed_____

Date_____

Parent's Signature (if camper under age 18)_____